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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent Appln. of)
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TORKELSON, ET AL.) Art Unit: 1714
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Serial No. 10/701,067) Examiner: Ronesi, Vickey M.
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Filed: November 5, 2003)
) Attorney Docket No. 6313.190A
Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING)
EXFOLIATED POLYMER-CLAY)
NANOCOMPOSITE AND)
POLYMER-CLAY)
NANO COMPOSITE PRODUCED)
THEREFROM)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 17, 2006

PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED
CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6), Applicant has petitions to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) for the benefit of a prior filed provisional application. Also filed is the surcharge under Rules 1.78(a)(6)(ii) and 1.17(t).

Applicant respectfully submits pursuant to Rule 1.78(a)(6)(iii) that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under Rule 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

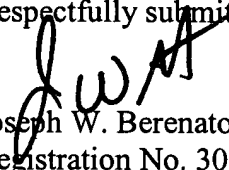
Applicant's claim for priority is based on provisional application no. 60/423,591 filed November 5, 2002. Applicant's Amendment and Request for Reconsideration filed herewith includes proposed amendments to insert the provisional application serial

number and filing date at the beginning of the specification, as required by 35 U.S.C.

§ 119(e) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6)(i).

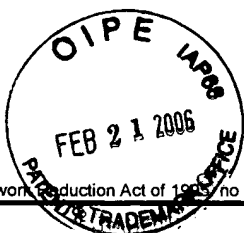
If, after reviewing the above, the Examiner believes any issues remain unresolved, the favor of an Examiner interview is requested and the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned, by telephone, to schedule the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Complete if Known

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

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SUBMITTED BY

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